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OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 6. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1, wherein said control means controls the focal length of the laser beam in the focusing direction.
- 7. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1, wherein said control means controls the focal direction of the laser beam in the tracking direction.
- 8. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1 wherein, said control means controls, simultaneously, the focal length of the laser beam in the focusing direction, and the focal direction of the laser beam in the tracking direction.

